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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON CARLOS ITURRALDE BALLIVIAN

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1. SUPPLEMENTING THE VERY FULL INFORMATION IN REFTEL, DURING THE SIX MONTHS OR SO THAT BOTH ITURRALDE AND I HAVE BEEN AT THIS POST, I HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN PURSUIT OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTERESTS. DESPITE HIS FREQUENT ABSENCES FROM KUALA LUMPUR ON VISITS TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED (THAILAND, INDONESIA AND AUSTRALIA), AT TIN MEETINGS IN LONDON AND GENEVA, AND ON OTHER TRAVELS, HE APPEARS TO HAVE GOTTEN QUITE CLOSE TO KEY MINISTERS AND MINING PERSONALITIES HERE. IN PARTICULAR HE HAS SEEMED TO DEVELOP A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA BIN HITAM.

2. I HAVE FOUND ITURRALDE TO BE PERSONALLY VERY FRIENDLY AND CHARMING. I HAVE NOT SEEN HIS ABRASIVE SIDE. BOTH HE AND HIS STAFF APPEAR TO BE WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH HE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED GOODNATUREDLY "U.S. WRONGHEADEDNESS" ON TIN QUESTIONS. BASED ON MY SHORT
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ACQUAINTANCE WITH HIM I WOULD EXPECT THAT HE WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, PURSUING HIS COUNTRY'S INTERESTS VIGOROUSLY AND WITH A SHREWD UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN SCENE.

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